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THE REHEARSAL Of Observator, &c.

1. *The* Observator *Charges the Loss of* New-Found-Land *(with the* Destruction *of* Trade, Invasion *of our* Liberties, Encouragement *of* Fraud, *and* Dis-Regard *to* Honesty) *upon the* Parliament.
2. *And upon* K—— William.
3. *Whence shew'd that* Whiggs *can never be Content.*
4. *The* Review *Threatens the next* Parliament *with a New* Revolution, *and to bring upon them the* Magazine *of* Original Power
5. *Whence a short* View *taken of the* WHIGGS Scheme *of* Government *wherein* Harrington's GUN-POWDER *Blows up* De Foe's MAGAZINE.
6. *A new* Invention. *Of* Government *being from* God; *And* [illegible] *from the* People.

From Saturday June the 30th, to Saturday July the 7th. 1705.

(1.) *Country-man.* WE'r come to a fine Pass indeed, and are Likely to have a fine time on't, when *Tutchin* and *De Foe*, and the Rest of our Weekly *Scandals*, shall have free Liberty to spend their *Verdict* upon all *Transactions* of *State*, and *Events* of *War*. And the *Mobilee* of the *Nation* are suffer'd to be led away by them, and *Prejudic'd* against the *Government*, and whole *Administration*!

In thine of *Saturday* last, thou lay'st the loss of *New-found-Land* upon the *Parliament*. Thou said'st in these plain words, *Twas the PARLIAMENT lost NEW-FOUND-LAND*. And go'st on to tell all thy *Country-Men* thus, *If your TRADE be Destroy'd, your TRAFFICK Neglected, your LIBERTIES Invaded, the Publick TREASURE Mis-Apply'd, the FUNDS for NATIONAL SERVICE Converted to PRIVATE USES, FRAUDS Encourag'd, and HONESTY Disregarded, 'tis long with your PARLIAMENT.*

This begets a fine *Notion* in the *People* of *Parliaments*! Of so many *People* as are guided wholly by these *Papers*; which are an Incredible Number in this *Nation* who know no more nor no other than as they are Inform'd from thence. And swallow down all they say as *Gospel*!

(2.) *Obs.* Now herein thou shalt see a full proof of my *Truth* and *Honesty*, and Love to *Publick Good*, without *Partiality* to any, how *Near* or *Dear* soever. For in my *Observator* last before, of *June* 27th Vol. 4. N. 25. I say the Loss of this same *New-found-Land* upon my *Ever Honoured*, *Glorious* and *Immortal* K—— *William*, I say *By that INGLORIOUS Treaty of RESWICK, a Part of that Country was given to the FRENCH.* And there was no *Parliament* Concern'd in that *Treaty*. And I Date the Loss of *New-found-Land* from that *INGLORIOUS Treaty*. Besides how oft have I *Bemoan'd* the *Protestant* Interest *Abroad*, not only *Neglected*, in that *War* for *Religion*, but *Given up*, by that *Treaty*? Was it not then *INGLORIOUS*! Now am I not *Impartial*, and seeking only my *Countries* Good!

(3.) *Country-m.* This shews the *Natural* and *Genuin* Effects of your *Whigg* and *Republican Principle*, of Placing the *Radical Power* of *Government* in the *People*. That 'tis *Impossible* to *Please* you. For what can *Please* you, when even the *Glorious* and *Im-Mortal* Cannot! When your own *Representatives* in *Parliament* Cannot! When every *Tutchin* and *De Foe* can *Arraign* all these, make them *Betrayers* of their *Trust*, and *Enemies* to the *Nation*! When even *Tutchin* and *De Foe* themselves, Those Noble *Chiefs* of the *People*, cannot *Agree*, but are in Open *War* with One Another! How then Shou'd a whole *Nation*, a whole *World* of *Tutchins* or *De-Foes*, all *Independent* and Each *Original*; how Shou'd *All* these *Agree* to a *Man* which *Tutchin* or *De-Foe* Shou'd be *King*! Or wou'd they be *Pleas'd* with him, when they had him!

(4.) If *Tutchin* were Chosen, *De Foe* wou'd say to him, as he *Threatens* the *Next Parliament*, if they Please not him, in his *Review* of last *June* 19. Vol. 2. N. 46. That he *Must open the Magazine of Original Power — of which* (says he) *The late REVOLUTION is a Pattern.* And he wou'd bring a new *Revolution* upon K— *Tutchin*, unless *K— Tutchin* Hang'd him up in Time. He wou'd not let a *Whipping* or *Pillory* serve his Turn. And do we think, That *Tutchin* wou'd not have as much to say against *K— De Foe*, if the *Choice* fell upon him? The *Magazine* of *Original Power* wou'd be *Open'd* on the other side.

(5.) If this Seems Extream *Ridiculous*, as indeed it is, Then let all the *Whiggs* and *Common-wealth-Men* in *England* know, That Neither *Dolman* alias *Parsons* the *Jesuit*, who led the *Dance* here, nor *Buchanan*, *Knox*, or *Rutherford* in *Scotland*; nor *Harrington*, *Hobbs*, *Milton*, *Locke*, or *Sidney* in *England*, or any other *Orators* for the *Original Power* of the *People*, either *Ancient* or *Modern*, cou'd make any *Other* or *Better* Sense of it. This is a bold *Challenge*. And I will stand by it. And no *Provocations* that I could possibly Use, can *Prevail* with any of them, to save their cause from being thus *Destitute* and *Abandon'd*.

I have

I have given a *Specimen* as to *Lock*, N. 38. Let any Juſtifie him who can. And none of them ſay any new thing, or any thing elſe than *Begging* the *Queſtion* at firſt, That the *Power* was *Originally* in the *People*; and thence raiſing their fine *Super-Structures*, which are all utterly *Inconſiſtent* with any *Settlement* of *Government* whatſoever. The *Magazine* of *Original Power* overturns them all at Pleaſure. And that *Poſſe* may, by their own *Scheme*, be Rais'd by a *Tutchin* or a *De Foe*. And nothing but Eternal *Revolution* can be the End of it. For this *Original Magazine* muſt admit (as Mr. *Lock* diſputes) of no *Abſolute Power* either in *King* or *Parliament*, or any *Deputed* from the *People*. Elſe it is *Blown up* all at once; and the *Power* can never *Revert* to the *People*!

Then they fall to work at *Ballancing*. And ſet up *Co-ordinate Powers*. And there *Agree* about it, as *Dogs* do about a *Bone*!

If you will not believe me, hear one of your own *Prophets*. The famous *Harrington* in his *Oceana* Printed at *London*, 1656. ſays thus, p. 152. 153.

"Your *Gothick* Politicians ſeem unto me "rather to have Invented ſome new *Ammu-* "*nition* or *Gun-Powder* in their *King* and *Par-* "*liament* (*duo fulmina Belli*) then *Government*. "For what is become of the *Princes* (a kind "of People) in *Germany*? Blown up. Where "are the *Eſtates* or Power of the *People* in "*France*? Blown up. Where is that of the "*People* in *Aragon*, and the Reſt of the *Spaniſh* "Kingdoms? Blown up. On the other ſide, "where is the King of *Spains* Power in *Hol-* "*land*? Blown up. Where is that of the "*Auſtrian* Princes in *Switz*? Blown up. This "perpetual Peeviſhneſs and Jealouſie, under "the Alternat Empire of the *Prince*, and "of the People, is Obnoxious to every ſpark. "Nor ſhall any Man ſhew a Reaſon that "will be holding in Prudence, why the "People of *Oceana* have Blown up their "*King*, but that their *King* did not firſt "Blow them up. The reſt is Diſcourſe for "Ladies.

Obſ. What! Make our *Conſtitution* nothing but meer *Goſſoping*! Do's *Harrington* talk at this Rate? You *Maze* me! Why he is one of our Chief *Authors*. And this very Book of his call'd *Oceana*, is lately Re-Printed by our Worthy Mr. *Toland*. What can be the meaning of this from *Harrington*?

Country-m. I can tell thee. He was a *Whigg*, that is, a *Republican*. And had ſeen the *Experiment* try'd before his Eyes; of *King* and *Paliament* being *Co-ordinat* Powers, and *Ballancing* one Another. He ſaw there cou'd be no End of it, but the one *over-Powring* and *Conquering* the other, when the *Conteſt* was for *Power*. And when the *Parliament* had Prevail'd, he ſaw it End in a *Single Perſon* and an *Army*. Upon which he fell to *Scheme-Making*. And fancy'd he had found out a *Model* free from the former *Inconveniences*. But 'tis ſuch a *Medly* as neither himſelf, nor any body elſe can make *Head* or *Tayl* of. Yet is of uſe (if men would take it) to ſhew the *Vanity* of all our *Scheme-Mongers* in placing *Government* upon the Foot of the *People*. Or any other *Foundation* than *Divine Inſtitution*.

(6.) *Obſ.* But we have late *Authors*, and of the *Church* of *England* too, which ſay, that *Government* is indeed from *God*. But the *Modification* of it, as to the *Species* of the *Government*, and the *Choice* of the *Governors*, is from the *People*.

Country-m. And that is All. For what elſe is there in *Government*, but the *Species* or *Kind* of *Government* (whether *Mon-Archie*, *Ariſto-Craſie* or *Demo-Craſie*) and the *Chocie* of the *Perſons* who ſhall *Govern*? They that are ſo *Choſen* have thence forward the making of our *Laws*, and *Abſolute Dominion* over us. And the Placing this in the *People*, is making *Government* WHOLLY from *Them*. And lyable to all the *Inconveniencies* and *Contradiction* we have been ſpeaking of.

But did *God* Appoint *Government*, and yet Appoint no *Species* of *Government*, nor any *Perſon* or *Perſons* who ſhou'd *Govern*? What ſort of *Government* was that? Was not that Leaving us juſt where we were before? How ſhou'd *Governments* have Ariſen upon ſuch a *Grant* as this? And where is ſuch a *Grant* to be found? And if it be *Impoſſible* (as I think I have fully Demonſtrated) for *Mankind*, in the ſuppos'd State of *Independency*, all upon the *Level*, to have Agreed upon any ſort of *Government* at all, by *Free* and *Equal Votes*; (which Mr. *Lock* himſelf Confeſſes, as I have ſhew'd *Num.* 38.) what Benefit cou'd *Mankind* have Receiv'd from ſuch a *Grant*, if it had been given? It wou'd have been to give them Leave to do, what was *Impoſſible* for them to do! At leaſt, this we may ſay, That it is what was never yet done, ſince the Foundation of the World. Which I think is ſufficient to Determine the *Queſtion*. For our *Queſtion* is *Fact*, and not *Poſſibilities*. And it is of the *Original* of *Government* in the *World*, and the firſt *Dividing* the *World* into *Nations*; not what was done by any ſet of *Banditi* in this or that *Corner*, ſuch an Inſtance, if it con'd be ſhew'd, wou'd not *Determine* the *Rights* of *Mankind* in the *General*. But if no ſuch *Inſtance* can be ſhew'd, as I believe there cannot, of any *Nation* ſo Form'd and Fram'd, no nor of the *Romans* at firſt, under *Romulus*; who was not Choſen by the *Free* and *Equal VOTE* of thoſe who came in to him: He rather *Choſe* them. Or *Accepted* of their *Sharing* his *Fortune*: I ſay if no ſuch *Inſtance* can be Given, of any *Prince* Choſen by the *Free* and *Equal VOTE* of *All* his *Subjects* (though if it con'd, it wou'd not, as I have ſaid, Determine the Right of *Mankind* in the *General*) then how very *Deſpicable* do's the *Plea* look of the *Original* of *Power* being in the *People*, from the Beginning of *Government* in the *World*, and as a *Rule* to all *Nations* in the *World* for ever, and as *Superior* to all their *Municipal Laws* and *Conſtitution*! For that is the *Canſe* now Pleaded. The *Deciding* of which has coſt *England* and *Poland* (to name no more) vaſt *Expence* of *Blood* and *Treaſure*. And not like to End, till it be *Decided*. But it is *Liberty* and *Property*, and all is well! And *Experince* is a *Fool*!

Sero Sapiunt Phryges.

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